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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for reviewing the present application. The Examiner has rejected the claims presently on file under 35 USC 102 in view of the reference to Matos. The applicant has amended the claims on file to further distinguish over the Matos reference and more clearly define the scope of protection sought.

The prior reference of Matos simply describes how it may be possible to use an XML to describe data and thereby permit the exchange of data between different applications. The general concept as set out more fully in 5.2.3 is for the data in XML format to be delivered to the client and to be manipulated at different clients using the XML Object Model. Thus each client uses a resident application to manipulate the data upon receipt.

By contrast the present application is directed to the provision of applications that may utilise different platforms. The application is described in an abstract notation, such as XML, the parameters inputted and then the description transformed in to a notation that can be utilised in the different platforms. This is entirely different to the Matos reference where the data is defined in XML and is the operated upon by different applications in each client.

Claim 1 has been amended to draw out this distinction further by specifying an application generator for transforming the application file from the abstract notation to at least one of a plurality of selected platform notations for utilisation by respective ones of the selected components.

Matos is entirely silent as to the presence of such structure and of course does not contemplate the structure as he expects each client to have a resident application.

Accordingly claim 1 is not anticipated under 35 USC 102 and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Corresponding language may be found in each of the independent claims and accordingly it is

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believed that those claims and the claims dependant thereon also clearly and patentably distinguish over the reference applied.

Further action to allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant requests early reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

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